

## STATE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the state of Veterans' Affairs health care, after receiving testimony from Sloan D. Gibson, Acting Secretary, and Philip Matkowsky, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Administrative Operations, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## PHONE SCAMS

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine phone scams, focusing on progress and potential solutions, after receiving testimony from Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Joseph S. Campbell, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Kevin Rupy, United States Telecom Association, Washington, D.C.; and a public witness, Cincinnati, Ohio.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5119–5128; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 107; and H. Res. 671–672 were introduced. **Pages H6351–52**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H6352–53**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4871, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–523). **Page H6351**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6299**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6302**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H6311**

**Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks. **Pages H6302–11**

**Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2015:** The House passed H.R. 5016, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 427. Consideration of the measure began on July 14th. **Pages H6316–33**

Rejected the Nolan motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 225 noes, Roll No. 426. **Pages H6331–33**

Agreed to:

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H6316–17**

Garrett amendment that prohibits funds from being used to designate any nonbank financial company as “too big to fail”, as a “systemically important financial institution”, or make a determination that material financial distress at a nonbank financial company could pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; **Pages H6317–18**

Lankford amendment that prohibits funds from being used to study, promulgate, draft, review, implement, or enforce any rule pursuant to section 913 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or amendments made by such section; **Pages H6322–23**

Meehan amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to modify or rebuild any portion of the White House bowling alley, including using phenolic synthetic material (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand disposed of by the earlier voice vote thereon); **Page H6323**

Gosar amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, to any employee of the Internal Revenue Service (by a recorded vote of 282 yeas to

138 noes with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 416);

**Pages H6324–25**

Heck (WA) amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used, with respect to specified States, to penalize a financial institution solely because the institution provides financial services to an entity that is a manufacturer, producer, or a person that participates in any business or organized activity that involves handling marijuana or marijuana products and engages in such activity pursuant to a law established by a State or local government (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 418);

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DeSantis amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used by the Internal Revenue Service to create machine-readable materials that are not subject to the safeguards established pursuant to section 3105 of title 44, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 351 ayes to 71 noes, Roll No. 419);

**Pages H6326–27**

DeSantis amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being obligated or expended by the Internal Revenue Service for conferences (by a recorded vote of 264 ayes to 157 noes, Roll No. 420);

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used to provide funds from the Hardest Hit Fund program established by the Secretary of the Treasury under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to any State or local government for the purpose of funding pension obligations of such State or local government (by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 422);

**Pages H6328–29**

Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used, with respect to specified States, by the Federal Communications Commission to prevent such States from implementing their own State laws with respect to the provision of broadband Internet access service by the State or a municipality or other political subdivision of the State (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 423);

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that prohibits funds from being used by the Consumer Product Safety Commission to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Voluntary Remedial Actions and Guidelines for Voluntary Recall Notices” (by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 194 noes, Roll No. 424); and

**Pages H6329–30**

Massie amendment that prohibits funds from being used by any authority of the government of the District of Columbia to enforce any provision of the Firearms Registration Amendment Act of 2008, the Inoperable Pistol Amendment Act of 2008, the

Firearms Amendment Act of 2012, or the Administrative Disposition for Weapons Offenses Amendment Act of 2012 (by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 425). **Pages H6318–20, H6330–31**

Rejected:

Ellison amendment that sought to reduce funding for salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States by \$2.13 and increase funding for salaries and expenses of The White House by the same amount;

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Crowley amendment that sought to reduce funding for salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court of the United States by \$7.25 and increase funding for salaries and expenses of The White House by the same amount;

**Pages H6321–22**

Fleming amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of July 14, 2014) that was debated on July 15th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement guidance FIN–2014–G001 (relating to BSA Expectations Regarding Marijuana-Related Businesses) issued on February 14, 2014 (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 415);

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Grayson amendment that was debated on July 15th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to pay any individual at an annual rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 as defined in the “Salary Table 2014–GS” published by the Office of Personnel Management, or to pay any individual at an hourly basic rate of Grade 1, Steps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6; or Grade 2, Step 1 or 2 (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 417); and

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Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 15th that sought to reduce each amount made available by the bill by 1%, with the exception of specified accounts (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 421).

**Pages H6327–28**

Withdrawn:

Gallego amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to implement or enforce Revenue Ruling 2012–18 (or any guidance of the same substance);

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Rokita amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to propose, make, finalize, or implement any rule, regulation, interpretive rule, or general statement of policy issued after the date of enactment of this Act, that is issued pursuant to section 553 of title 5, United States Code; and

**Pages H6320–21**

Lankford amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used by the Federal Communications

Commission to make any changes to its policies with respect to broadcast indecency. **Pages H6322–23**

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m. **Page H6323**

**Notice of Intent to Offer Motion:** Representative Barber announced his intent to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. **Page H6333**

**Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House debated the Gallego motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3230. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6333–38**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 17th. **Page H6338**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6302.

**Senate Referral:** S. 517 was held at the desk. **Page H6302**

**Quorum Calls Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and 12 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6324, H6324–25, H6325, H6326, H6326–27, H6327, H6328, H6328–29, H6329, H6329–30, H6330, H6332–33 and H6333. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 649, directing the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of any emails in the possession of the Department of Defense or the National Security Agency that were transmitted to or from the email account(s) of former Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Division Director Lois Lerner between January 2009 and April 2011. The resolution was ordered reported, without amendment.

### FISCAL YEAR 2015 OCO BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2015 OCO Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Admiral James A. "Sandy" Winnefeld, Jr., USN, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Robert O. Work, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

## UNMANNED CARRIER-LAUNCHED AIRBORNE SURVEILLANCE AND STRIKE REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing on Unmanned Carrier-Launched Airborne Surveillance and Strike (UCLASS) Requirements Assessment. Testimony was heard from Ronald O'Rourke, Specialist in Naval Affairs, Defense Policy and Arms Control Section, Congressional Research Service; and the following Department of Defense officials: Mark Andress, Assistant Deputy Chief of Operations for Information Dominance; Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, U.S. Navy Principal Military Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisitions; and Brigadier General Joseph T. Guastella, U.S. Air Force Director, Joint Requirements Oversight Council; and public witnesses.

## THE LONG-TERM BUDGET OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Long-Term Budget Outlook". Testimony was heard from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

## REVIEW OF CDC ANTHRAX LAB INCIDENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Review of CDC Anthrax Lab Incident". Testimony was heard from Thomas R. Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Jere Dick, Associate Deputy Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

## FAILURE TO VERIFY: CONCERNS REGARDING PPACA'S ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Failure to Verify: Concerns Regarding PPACA's Eligibility System". Testimony was heard from Kay Daly, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Joyce Greenleaf, Regional Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

## MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy". Testimony was heard from Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.